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The Discoverer.

BY EDMUND C. STEDMAN.

I have a little kinsman
Whose earthly summers are but three,
And yet a voyager is he
Greater than Drake or Frobisher,
Than all their peers together!
He is a brave discoverer,—
And, far beyond the tether
Of them who seek the frozen Pole,
Has sailed where the noiseless surges roll.
Ay, he has traveled whither
A winged pilot steered his bark
Through the portals of the dark,
Past hoary Mimir's well and tree,
Across the unknown sea.

Suddenly in his fair young hour,
Came one who bore a flower,
And laid it in his dimpled hand
With this command:

"Henceforth thou art a rover!
Thou must make a voyage far,
Sail beneath the evening star,
And a wondrous land discover.
—With his sweet smile innocent
Our little kinsman went.

Since that time no word
From the absent has been heard,
Who can tell
How he fares, or answer well
What the little one has found
Since he left us, outward bound?
Would that he might return!
Then should we learn
From the pricking of his chart
How the skyey roadways part.
Hush! does not the baby this way bring,
To lay beside this severed curl,
Some starry offering
Of chrysolite or pearl?

Ah, no! not so!
We may follow on his track,
But he comes not back.
And yet I dare aver
He is a brave discoverer
Of climes his elders do not know.
He has more learning than appears
On the scroll of twice three thousand years,
More than in the groves is taught
Or from furthest Indies brought;
He knows, perchance, how spirits fare—
What shapes the angels wear,
What is their guise and speech
In those lands beyond our reach—
And his eyes behold
Things that shall never, never be to mortal hearers told.

Married a Chestnut.

"I never will!"

"Will what?"

"I never will make myself ridiculous by *marrying a man with a conspicuous name.* My name suits me well enough as it is, and I had rather live and die an old maid than to be pointed at as Mrs. Jaybird or as Chipmonk's wife."

The above words were pronounced emphatically, with a decided staccato; they were accompanied by a shake of a mass of auburn curls, and a profound uplifting of the speaker's upper lip, united with a pretty stamp of a neat, dainty, feminine foot.

Cora Olmstead, daughter of Hon. John Olmstead, of Dunkirk, N. Y., was the speaker. The balance of the party consisted of an elderly lady, *Cora's aunt*, and Mamie Jennings, her daughter, and, consequently, Cora's cousin.

The words were spoken to Mamie Jennings, on the pilot deck of the steamer Beauty, which was speeding through the green waters of Lake Erie, carrying its freight of human souls onward to Milwaukee.

Water life had been, and was, very pleasant. The weather had been fine when the steamer left Buffalo, and had continued so. The monotony of a trip around the lakes had been relieved by music and dancing in the grand saloon and walks of pleasure on the moonlit deck. Still there were hours of ennui to the blithe spirits of the two young girls, occasioned by the everlasting sameness and the lack of congenial companions.

When Miss Cora made her emphatic asseveration, herself and her Cousin Mamie had been standing in front of the wheel-house, watching the eddying water, fast being cleft by the sharp bows of the Beauty, and moralizing on the *problematic future.*

Above them, and just behind, stood the captain of the boat—a tall man, with long, dark whiskers, and a pair of piercing eyes, his hand shaded them as he looked ahead, for the last dying rays of the setting sun were glinting the rippling water, making it as dazzling as a gold-ribbed armor. His practiced eye, gazing ahead, saw his course as a scholar sees a map; but to the casual vision of a young man, reclining at his feet and leaning lazily upon the rail, appeared naught but an expanse of monotony, tiresome to look upon.

As a matter of course, he heard the remarks of the young ladies standing so near him and, with a smile, he looked up to the captain, saying:

"Captain Olney, who are those young ladies just below us?"

Captain Olney lowered his eyes from his distant point of observation, and allowed them to rest for a moment on his fair passengers.

"Those ladies? Why, Arthur, do you not know them? They are the prettiest girls on board; one of them—the taller one—is the daughter of my old friend, Judge Olmstead, of Dunkirk; the other is her cousin—I think a Miss Jennings."

The young ladies, tired at last of their continuous gaze at rippling water, turned away and descended the narrow stairs to the cabin. As they passed the wheel-house they looked intuitively upward. Both saw the handsome face of the young man above them and dropped their lids at the earnest, though faithful gaze of his full blue eyes.

"Cora," said Mamie Jennings, "who is that young man whom we just saw on the wheel-house with Captain Olney?"

"I don't know, Mamie; I wish I did," answered Cora, wistfully; for, being nineteen and three years older than her cousin, she considered all the young and handsome men her peculiar property. "I have not been introduced yet, but I shall ask Captain Olney to do me that favor to-night. Did you notice *his eyes?* They were very handsome."

"Very! but what if he has your aversion—a peculiarly conspicuous name, as Jaybird?"

"If he has I shall hate him, that is all! But, no, a handsome name to a handsome man, and I seek an introduction."

After the young ladies had retired, the young men arose from his recumbent position, and placed his hand upon the brawny shoulder of Captain Olney.

"Captain, are you my friend?"

"Well, I think I am. I don't think it's hardly necessary to ask that question of one who trotted you on his knee when you was a baby."

"You are right, old friend. It was hardly fair;" and the young man's hand grasped the more brawny one of the captain. "I know you will do me this favor. I want an introduction to those two young ladies."

"Of course, my boy; I was like you, too, when your age."

"But one thing more, and most important."

"Two points, Lee!"

"Ay, ay, sir!" came from below.

"What is it, Arthur?" the captain asked.

The young man's answer was lost in the rattling of the chain and the swash of the waters.

"What for?" asked the captain, who had heard him.

"Just to please me," answered Arthur; "I will tell you why later."

"Very well; I will, my boy."

That evening the two young ladies received an invitation to dine at the captain's table, which was nothing unusual, but where they had heretofore only met the captain, his wife, and the first mate, a young man named Charles Ward.

To-night, impelled by some irresistible influence, Cora had arrayed herself in her most becoming toilet, and had obtained, by some bribery well known to the fair sex, from the steward, the only rose on board. This, with its verdant leaves, were arranged in the folds of her hair, in a very becoming style.

She was repaid for her trouble by seeing entering the cabin with the captain the same bewildering blue ones which gazed upon her from the wheel-house. The gentleman, upon his coming half entranced, and Captain Olney introduced them.

"Miss Cora Olmstead, and Miss Mamie Jennings, my friend, Arthur Vernon; Arthur, you must make our trip pleasant for my lady friends."

"I will try, sir," answered he, as they returned salutations.

Cora looked up quickly at her cousin, and her eyes said:

"I told you so."

Mamie said nothing, but thought:

"Cora is certainly struck now."

The supper passed very pleasantly; brisk table-talk interspersed the duties of the repast, and all, at last, arose, seeming well acquainted.

That evening, Mamie's mother left her state-room, for the second time since the steamer left Buffalo, and required the services of her daughter to assist her about the desk.

Thus Arthur Vernon was left to accompany Cora Olmstead, and relieve the silver setting of a moonlight walk. Very ably he executed his mission.

Days passed swiftly after that. No more than some hours—no more sighs, or wishes for the land. Captain Olney missed Arthur at the pilot house, now, and would say to himself:

"Dear me, that boy is going to do just what I did; I know it."

The vessel, booming merrily along, reached the strait of Mackinaw, where the voyagers were again greeted by the close proximity of autumnal tinted trees and shrubs. Soon Lake Michigan was reached. Only a single day of quiet passed in her waters. At the change of the moon a storm broke upon them, which, continuing, caused all the ladies to retire to their state-rooms.

The storm, however, did not retard their course materially, and the passengers soon had the pleasure of seeing the distant spires of the city of Milwaukee dimly appearing. At about eight o'clock in the morning the steamer Beauty entered the commodious harbor and discharged its animate and inanimate freight.

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Nearly one month later we will call, with the reader, at Oconomowoc, Wis. A pleasant party are seated on the portico of Silver Hall. Few places in the Northwest possess the beauties viewed from this spot—two small lakes, heavily fringed, on one side by bright tinted shrubs and late flowers, their glassy waters reflecting the bright colors in many tinted rays, and multiplying them a thousand times in the tiny ripples.

A rustic bridge spans the connecting stream between those lakes, and in the distance an old man is seen fishing.

The grounds of Silver Hall are beautiful—wide spreading trees, well kept walks, and grassy lawns, then best of all, life—real, joyous life—a merry group are around the swings, an easy-going soul swings in a hammock, suspended between two trees, and further on a busy party of young people are playing croquet, their joyous laugh uniting with the clink of the balls.

The portico are well filled, but we have only to do with one group. Mrs. Jennings, her daughter and niece compose it. Mrs. Jennings is quite tall and stately, dressed in exquisite taste; her dark hair and eyes, if nothing else, trace her maternity to lifesome Mamie, who is just now deeply interested in a ladies' theme—shall we tell it?—the interesting mate, Mr. Ward. She is young, but no matter, it's only a correspondence, and may never amount to anything.

Presently she starts and gazes down the well-filled porch.

"Cora, there comes Arthur."

"Where?" asked Cora, starting up, and looking expectantly in the direction indicated by Mamie's finger, then sinking to her seat again as she notes his near approach.

Arthur Vernon, our friend of the steamer Beauty, it was true enough. He came up between the chairs of Cora and Mrs. Jennings, and placed a hand on the back of each.

"Mrs. Jennings can I rob you of Cora's society for a time? I have a boat, and the evening is going to be delightful for a row."

"Certainly, Arthur, you have my permission. I trust you will row in before it becomes damp."

"I certainly shall; come, Cora."

Cora, who had taken no part in the conversation, was by no means an uninterested listener, and at Arthur's last words, wrapped her light shawl around her, and, taking his arm, skipped gleefully down the long veranda to the boat-house.

During the month that had passed, Arthur Vernon had not been idle. He had stopped a day or two in Milwaukee, on business, and had joined the pleasure party at Silver Hall. It had become tacitly understood that he was paying attentions to Cora Olmstead, although naught had ever been said to warrant that deduction.

To-night, with the full-faced moon shining upon them, Arthur Vernon rowed up and down the beautiful lake, whose waters, reflecting the moon's bright rays, seemed but a bed of molten silver.

Neither seemed to desire conversation, and for a long time no word was heard.

At last, at the risk of overbalancing the boat, Arthur moved to the stern, and gracefully reclining in the bottom, on the Turkish rug which lined the boat, took Cora's hand.

"Cora, it seems almost useless for me to tell you what my eyes have told you each moment since we met, but, knowing that they speak the truth, you certainly will not be surprised when I tell you that I wish you for my own—my wife; that I love you with a pure and earnest love, as should be given to one fitted to be to me my other, better life. I think you return my love. Am I right?"

"Yes, Arthur," she answered, timidly.

"Do you care for the—myself? or do you only care for Arthur Vernon?"

"I do not know what you mean, Arthur."

"I'll tell you, Cora. I once heard a remark of yours which I have always remembered. It was heard before I was introduced as you to the pilot deck of the 'Beauty.' You said: 'I will never marry a man with a conspicuous name. I had rather live and die an old maid than to be pointed at as Mrs. Jaybird, or Chipmonk's wife.' Now I assure you, by what I feel that I am willing to make you, my dear, appear in the least ridiculous."

"Why, Arthur, your name is not conspicuous. I like Vernon."

"Cora, that is not my name; my name is Arthur Vernon Chestnut; I asked Captain Olney to omit the Chestnut, as I heard you say that you disliked a conspicuous name. I could not ask you to become my wife without first telling you the truth."

"I have learned to love you as Arthur Vernon, but I know I cannot cease to love you as Arthur Chestnut."

"Do you think you can be happy, married to a chestnut?"

"I am willing to risk it."

Some surprise was manifested at the disclosure of Arthur Chestnut's real name, but cheerful and hearty were the congratulations given the engaged pair.

Jennie's Babies.

The rain made the birds and animals at Warner's wharf very miserable, especially the monkeys, who sat out in the wet and looked with disappearing surprise at the leaden sky, as became old Californians, and every line of their extensive faces showed that they with the rest of the old-timers considered such a state of things the hally exceptional nuisance. I mean, of course, to say that a jolly, full monkey hopped upon the bar and climbed Old Waterfront's arm just as he was taking the quid from his mouth preparatory to putting in the whisky.

"Mornin', Jim," said the old boy cordially, stroking the small ring-tail, who at once shinned to his shoulder and seated himself on that tarry roost with great gravity and satisfaction.

"Fine young monkey, that," observed Mr. Warner, who had been kindly employed throwing bits of crackers to a lot of noisy bantams on the floor. "He's the fifth."

"Fifth what?" asked the reporter.

"Fifth young 'un that Jennie's had in the ten years I've had her. She's a great Jennie. It's pretty to see her when she has a baby; an' she takes a sight better care of it than most women do of their young uns."

Mr. Warner went on to say that Jennie devoted herself heart and soul to her offspring. In their infancy she never lay down, but sat and held them in her arms day and night. Not until they had reached the age of at least eight months would she allow the youngster to get further away from her than the length of her arm. Mrs. Jenny lost a child by diphtheria not long ago. Mrs Warner found her with the little corpse pressed to her breast, and her face wore a look of utter woe. She refused to relinquish her dead baby, and before it could be wrested from her it was necessary to forcibly unclasp her hands finger by finger, and even then she caught the body with her teeth and never let go until choked. She mourned bitterly for more than a week.

"She never forgets that the babies are her'n, either," said Mr. Warner. "There's one out there eight years old, and Jenny keeps an eye on him yet. If anybody teases one of 'em it ain't long before Jenny is on hand. Bill, poke Jim up for a moment."

Old Waterfront set the young monkey down upon the bar, began making the most horrible faces and uttering the most terrifying barks. This extraordinary assault moved Jim to stand aghast for a second or two and then utter a piercing whistle of fright. In a moment an aged monkey—none other than the mother of James—came rushing in, her mouth in an agitated pucker and war written in the working lines of her face. James sprang to her and was wrapped in her protecting arms in a jiffy.—*San Francisco Mail.*

Beautify Your Homes.

It is astonishing to see the lack of taste around many village and farm-houses, and their owners seem to think that it is money thrown away to beautify their houses; but let them offer their places for sale, and then they will realize the difference between a house without paint or with one coat in a lifetime, with no blinds, no pleasant dooryard, no tasty fences around the house, no shade trees, no fruit trees, no beds of flowers, no climbing vines up the porches, no garden worthy of the name, no sung, well painted outhouses, no nicely graveled walks; but in their places we often find a dwelling, out of repair, outhouses in a state of decay, fences in poor condition, and the general appearance of the place repugnant to our feelings.

Here, too, we see the old sign: "This place for sale," hanging upon an old tree, with barely a leaf upon it. Here it has hung for many years, and there it will continue to hang, probably till the owner goes into his grave. Nobody wants to buy such a forlorn looking "home;" and people in search of a country place pass on till they see another sign: "This place for sale;" and here they find order, taste and neatness prevailing—a beautiful cottage, or other style of house, outbuildings in perfect repair, fences neat and in good order, shade trees abundant, fruit trees loaded with apples, pears, peaches, plums and cherries.

In the well planned garden they find an abundance of strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, quinces and grapes; and the place suits them and they purchase it. Now, this place costs but a little more than the one they passed, in regard to its adornments. What was done to *beautify* it was done by degrees, and the expense was never felt as amounting to much, and so it always is with people who commence to lay out their homes in the right manner.

Three-Cent Coins.

The three-cent silver coins issued in 1853 have reappeared recently in large numbers, and are causing a great deal of annoyance to the postmasters of large offices, in different parts of the country. In some of the post-offices certain rules in regard to these coins have been made, to prevent their accumulation in large numbers. No three-cent pieces will be taken in exchange for stamps or postal cards except in sums of five dollars and less, and the party presenting those coins may be required to leave them until they are counted and examined, the latter precaution being necessary as the Treasury department will not take any of them unless they are perfect in every respect. If their surface is worn smooth or there are any punctures or abrasions, such coins are rejected.

FACTS ABOUT THE BLACK HILLS.

The Chief City—Characteristics of Deadwood—Miners Who Have Made Fortunes.

Deadwood is a heterogeneous mass of hastily erected buildings, log and frame—the former predominating—thrown into a narrow gulch, through whose crooked length flows Whitehead creek with its 2,000 inches of turbid, murky liquid, the chained being of gravelly clay. The Cheyenne stage road strikes the head of Whitehead creek about fifteen miles from Deadwood, and follows the stream down to the city, entering what has been known as South Deadwood, or fisherman street. Just at present the south side is looming up, owing to the establishment at the post-office on that side, and the consequent attraction of business thereto, so that real estate speculators are reaping a rich harvest.

The town is alive with carpenters, yet the people complain that it is impossible to get anything done. Carpenters are paid from six to eight dollars per day, and are cursed by their employers day and night—not openly of course, but in secret as it were.

Two and a half miles above Deadwood, on Deadwood creek, is located Gayville, a young and flourishing town, which will be permanently prosperous, owing to the fact that the largest and richest quartz deposits yet found in the Hills, are in the adjacent hills, surrounding the town like a crescent. There are several stamp mills in constant operation day and night crushing the quartz, and three more are in course of erection. There is on exhibition in one of the banks in Deadwood a lump of retort gold weighing over 127 ounces, from the Father De Smet mine in Gayville, valued at $2,450, which was the result of an ordinary day's stamping.

Men are working in the gulch from the head of Deadwood and Whitewood creeks, to the far foothills—hundreds of them—and the very fact that they "keep up their lick" on many claims, night and day, is sufficient evidence that pay dirt is found. Another very convincing evidence is the fact that the four banking houses doing business here, each buy from $1,000 to $10,000 in gold dust per day, while the arastras and stamp mills are sending out from $20,000 to $50,000 per week in beautiful bullion bars and buttons. Then, too, there is a vast amount of "trade dust" in circulation. "Dust" is the currency of the country, and the man who buys a thousand dollars worth of supplies, as well as the man who orders a two-bit "bull-doze cocktail," pulls out his buckskin bag of gold and settles therefor with all nonchalance imaginable. The newsboys by dozens throng the streets at eventide, carry the pocket gold scale, and nine-tenths of their customers drop a few grains into the scale, scarcely looking at the weight, as they snatch the paper and eagerly peruse the latest news. There are at present two papers published in Deadwood—the Black Hills *Daily Times* and the *Pioneer*, a weekly.

In addition to the amount mentioned above, there is a constant stream of men going out by the different routes, who have made a "genteel sufficiency," and are going home to enjoy it. They carry out from one to twenty-five thousand dollars a piece, and some of them even more. We shall never know how good fortune has been to these men. They go back to happy homes, erect fine residences, buy large farms and herds, or invest in business enterprises, and the Black Hills knows them no more. Their neighbors see them return, observe their prosperity, take it for granted that there is gold in the mines of the West, and ask few questions, while the lucky ones, knowing the great uncertainties of life in the mines, tell far more of the difficulties, dangers and privations of the journey than of the richness of the diggings.

"We Passed That."

It's one thing to have an object in life, it is quite another thing to know when we are aiming at it. Many begin well, but after a time get off the course; then their life is more likely to grow wrong than right. The following incident has its moral for all who are aiming to do right:

During a beautiful summer's night on one of our great lakes, the master of a boat thought he might take a few hours' rest; and intrusted the rudder to the hands of his boy, a somewhat simple minded lad. "Do you see that star straight before us?" he said to him, pointing to the Polar star.

"Yes."

"Well, you have nothing to do but to keep the boat straight in that direction."

"I understand."

The captain fell asleep. The boy did the same. The wind changed; the boat turned out of its course more and more, till at last it had made a semi-circle. The boy awoke; he was astonished to see behind his back the star which had just now been straight before him, but he did not the less continue with a firm hand to steer the boat toward the south, from *whence it had first come.*

Two hours after the master in his turn awoke. He cast one glance upon the sky and another upon the boy.

"Well, stupid! what are you doing?"

"I am still keeping always straight before me, as you told me."

"Ah, indeed! and the Polar star?"

"Oh, the Polar star! Why, we passed that long ago!"

The sun sinks, and the earth closes her great eye like that of a dying god. Then the hills smoke like altars; out of every wood ascends a chorus; the veils of day, the shadows, float around the unkindled transparent tree tops, and fall upon the gay, gem-like flowers. And the burnished gold of the west throws back a dead gold on the east, and tinges with rosy light the hovering breast of the tremulous lark, the evening bell of nature.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Farm Notes.

CARE OF OXEN.—Oxen should be carded and cleaned every day, especially while shedding their coats; increase their allowance of grain as their labor increases, and remember that they are slow feeders and require long noonings.

VALUE OF DUCKS.—Many consider that ducks are more valuable than hens, for home use, taking into account the number and size of the eggs laid by them. The solid matter and oil in a duck's egg exceeds that of a hen's egg by fully one-fourth.

DISEASED PEACH TREES.—The following is said to be a sure remedy for the yellows in peach trees: One part of saltpeter to two of salt, placed close to the body of the tree before a rain. It seems not only to destroy any fungoid growth of vermin which may be infesting the root, but to act as an excellent fertilizer.

TWO-YEAR-OLD PEAS FOR SEED.—It is recommended to sow peas that are two years old to escape the ravages of the pea weevil, as the bugs all escape or die before the end of the first season, but not before planting time. This remedy would be a sure one, if all would adopt the same course, but not *otherwise.*

MIGNONETTE FOR BEE FORAGE.—There is no plant within the range of our knowledge as valuable for bee forage as mignonette, and why? It will keep in bloom year after year if not disturbed by frost, and it has a longer period of usefulness than any other plant. It gives more blossoms in a given space, and therefore gives more forage than any other plant we have seen. Honey made from it has the most delicious fragrance, and where it has been tested in market is far ahead of that produced from other plants.—*Bee Keepers' Magazine.*

VALUE OF COTTON SEED.—A ton of cotton seed yields about 700 pounds of cake or meal, thirty-five gallons of oil, a few pounds of lint cotton, ashes and other refuse. The meal is worth $18 per ton, the cake from $24 to $28, and the crude oil thirty-eight cents per gallon. The oil is valuable in paints and chemicals, and when refined makes an excellent table oil. The cakes are shipped to Europe for stock feed, the refuse is used in the manufacture of soap, and the meal is in constantly increasing demand as a sugar cane refiner.

LIME DUST.—The following has been recommended as the best mode for preparing lime dust for slugs and other insects, for mildew, etc.: Take, say, a peck of fresh or slaked lime; broken up into small pieces; then add four pounds of *flour of sulphur,* or in like proportions, if in smaller quantity. Add one-third as much boiling water, or just enough to slack the lime to dry powder, and cover the vessel as soon as the water is poured on. By adding water, it may be made into an excellent whitewash for trees, the sulphur increasing its efficacy.

Paris Green in the Orchard.

Some time since an inquiry was made as to whether there is any way to destroy the canker worm on apple trees. Four years ago they attacked my orchard by millions, and a few days after it looked at a distance as if fire had passed through the branches—not a leaf left. In the orchard I had about 150 trees twenty years old. I had taken great pains with my trees, and they did extremely well up to this time. I felt almost discouraged, and knew of no remedy. After a time the trees all leafed out again, but grew very little that season. The following season the trees were loaded with those pests by billions, so that if one passed under the trees he would be covered with the destroyers and their threads, which hang down with a worm at its end about as thick as the warp of open gauze; on these threads they swing as a pendulum when the wind blows, and by this means pass on to the next tree if near enough. This time, too, they left scarcely a leaf, and then disappeared. The trees leafed out again, but looked weakly, and grew but little. The third season I was on the look-out. As the trees leafed I found them again covered. I could stand it no longer, but declared war, bought a hand-pump and $5 worth of paris green, put a kerosene barrel into my wagon, filled it with water, added one tablespoonful of green to a pailful, gave it a good stirring, had a man to drive around under the trees and keep the mixture well stirred; I took the pump and sprinkled about a pail evenly as possible on each tree. The second day after I operated a second time, with a weaker solution and less quantity, as I found their number but few, and those not in good health. The past season I kept a good look-out, but failed to find one. I have other orchards, but so far have not been troubled. I keep my war material all ready now; if the enemies appear, I shall storm their works immediately. There are a number of orchards here about nearly destroyed by the canker worm.—*T. L., Guilford, Ill.*

An Eccentric Character.

David Urquhart, a well known and eccentric Scotch political writer, died lately in Naples. He usually made Eastern affairs his hobby, and was much opposed to Russia. He inherited a good estate, and was a man of varied accomplishments as well as of unique prejudices and crotchets. Among his social eccentricities was the conversion of his handsome residence in Ireland into a Turkish palace, curtains being substituted for doors and divans for chairs, and all visitors being rigidly compelled to put off their shoes from their feet on entering. He conceived the notion, too, many years ago, that children ought never to be clothed until they were well grown, and horrified the whole of Britain by allowing his little boy to wander stark naked all over his house and grounds, and compelling the little fellow to live thus through all weathers.

ROMANCE AND REALITY.

The story of an English Boy Who Ran Away to Sea From a Comfortable Home.

Among the crew of the Nova Scotia schooner Bertha Ellen, recently arrived in Baltimore, was a boy named Richard Fielding, whose experience as a runaway is worth recording. Young Fielding is about fifteen years of age, with a bright, handsome face, pleasing manners, and of evident intelligence. His father is a wealthy land owner in Hampshire, an English gentleman of family and position. Richard had been sent to school in Dorset, where some of the improbable stories detailing the adventures of young boys who run away from home fell into his hands and were eagerly perused. The natural result followed. Richard determined to run away and go to sea. Tying up the customary bundle the little fellow slipped away from school and went to Liverpool. There he found it impossible to ship in any capacity, but, determined to go to sea at all hazards, he stowed away in the hold of a Mediterranean fruit brig bound to Messina. He was soon discovered, and after undergoing no end of abuse from the captain, was set to the dirtiest kind of work, swabbing the decks, scraping the masts, and tarring down the rigging, and on every calm was put over the side to scrub copper.

Before arriving at Messina, he was one day tarring down the jib stay, swung in a boatswain's chair, when the man who was attending to the hoisting rope carelessly lost his hold, and Dick was precipitated to the deck, falling on an anchor stock and on the rail. His arm and leg were broken, and he bounded into the water. He was rescued, however, and after being freely cursed by the captain for the detention to the vessel which the accident had caused, he was passed below, where, without any medical treatment, he was permitted to stay till the vessel arrived in port—fortunately, only twenty-four hours afterward. He then went to the hospital, where incompetent physicians dressed his limbs, and after three months he was discharged, penniless and without friends, and a cripple. All the British consul could do was to get him a berth, which, owing to the fact of the boy's crippled limb, was a difficult thing to do, but which was finally accomplished, and Richard sailed as a cabin boy in an American bark for Rio. His situation in this vessel was more tolerable, but, on arriving at Rio, the bark was condemned as unseaworthy, and Richard was a second time cast adrift in a foreign land. He finally shipped as cook in a West India trading schooner, where he got more kicks than ha'pence, and in this vessel came to Halifax, where he shipped in a schooner that afterward came to Baltimore with potatoes. Previous to sailing he wrote to his mother, telling her the name of his vessel. His father cabled to Halifax and ascertained his destination, and then cabled to a friend in Baltimore to look out for Richard on his arrival. Dick came here in the schooner Bertha Ellen, after a thirty days' tempestuous voyage. His father's agent met him, telegraphed his father, provided him with a new outfit of clothes and a passage to Liverpool by the White Star line steamer sailing recently. And a few evenings ago Richard left for New York to take the steamer, a wiser boy, a cripple for life, and one not likely to again be filled with glowing enthusiasm at the stories of writers of melodramatic fiction.

Amusing Scene in a Law Office.

Two elegantly dressed ladies entered the office of a prominent lawyer on Fayette street, Baltimore, and looking round, as if expecting other surroundings than green baize covered desks and volumes in law calf, inquired timidly: "Is this a laundry office?"

The attorney, supposing she had said a lawyer's office, replied: "Yes, madam," and having asked the ladies to be seated, drew his chair up beside them, expecting to hear the points of a first-class case.

The ladies were encouraged by his courtesy, and one opened her satchel and drew forth what the lawyer supposed to be a bundle of valuable family documents; he put up his hand to assist her to extricate it from the bag. His face fairly beamed with expectancy as he drew forth one end of the treasure, the lady holding on to the other end, and he was about to propound a leading question, when the bundle unrolled, disclosing a bifurcated garment, richly trimmed with laces, pointing to which the lady eagerly asked: "Will this do us?" The lawyer gazed with horror from his branch of the garment to that held by the lady, and stammered out confusedly: "Madam, you have made a mistake; this is a law office, not a laundry." Both started to their feet, still grasping the contents of the bag, the other lady looking on in dismay, and the tableau was complete.

Mutual explanations followed, and the ladies withdrew.

A Lunatic on a Railroad Train.

Scott Wilson, a commercial traveler of Kenton, Iowa, while seated in a smoking car on the west-bound express train of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, was attacked about seven miles east of Ada, Ohio, by a large Irishman, who caught him by the back of the neck with his left hand and drew a razor across his throat with his right hand, cutting a frightful gash. Wilson, being a powerful man, grasped the Irishman, and then a struggle for life commenced. The other passengers joined in the scuffle, and the Irishman was overpowered and bound, but not till Wilson had nearly severed his hand with the razor

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1877.

Meeting of the Republican State Convention.

HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE, HARRISBURG, May 26th, 1877.—In pursuance of a resolution of the Republican State Committee, adopted at a meeting held in Harrisburgh, this day a Republican State Convention, to be composed of delegates from each Senatorial and Representative district, to the number to which such district is entitled in the Legislature, is hereby called to meet in the city of Harrisburg, at twelve o'clock noon, on Wednesday, August 29th, 1877, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Supreme Judge, State Treasurer and Auditor General, to be voted for at the ensuing general election on the sixth day of November next.

By order of Committee.

HENRY M. HOYT, Chairman.
A. WILSON NORRIS, Secretary.

THE democratic papers of the Northern Tier have pitched their tune with commendable unison and harmony—Col. Noyes for State Treasurer. They might sing a worse tune.

Now it is proposed to compromise with ex-Controller Connolly and restore him to society as a whitewashed criminal. The *Tribune* thinks the compromise business has gone far enough.

THE greenback party has come to the surface in Maine, where a convention has just been held to nominate a candidate for Governor and prepare through all the motions of a party.

A *Tribune* correspondent writes complaining that the time of the President is so occupied with the pressure from office seekers that he has no time to attend to timportant publicaffairs. They are all "reformers" too.

ADMIRERS of the writings of Rev. John S. C. Abbott will be pained to learn of his death, at his late residence in Connecticut last Sunday. He was a voluminous writer, and though he wrote many interesting books, many of them were insipid and tame in the extreme.

JUSTICE, if slow, is sure, and at last we are to have a trial of the suits against Samuel J. Tilden for the recovery of back United States taxes, of which it is boldly alleged he schemed to defraud the Government. The amounts alleged to be due aggregate $140,142,50, which, with cost and interests, make $150,000, the amount sued for. During nearly the whole of the period mentioned Mr. Tilden paid taxes on only about $15,000 a year.

DON PIATT, the fulsome editor of the Washington *Capital*, urged the assassination of President Hayes upon his inauguration. Now he says in a recent issue of his paper: "We who wanted to kill him, as they now assert, are now equally anxious to give that policy a fair trial, and on that account have very little sympathy with the white chokered, swallow-tailed old frauds of the Manhattan club."

A COMMISSION appointed by the Treasury Department has reported that the fractional currency destroyed while in the hands of the people, amount to $11,000,000. As none of it can ever be presented for redemption, the Government is a gainer in this amount. How the estimate was made is not stated, but it is probably very near the truth. The report also states that nominally $21,126,930 of fractional currency are yet unredeemed, and in this is included the amount which the commission estimate as destroyed.

JOHN D. TOWNSEND, Tweed's counsel, has published an open letter to Attorney General Fairchild, in which he handles that officer without gloves. He accuses him of protecting thieves and losing millions to New York city, gives a detailed statement of what Tweed would testify to and corroborate, and accuses him of using his statement to secure a compromise for Sweeney and bolster himself up politically. The little Attorney General is evidently hot-pushed.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has deemed it wise to publish his opinion as to whether the principal and interest of the 4 per cent. bonds are payable in gold coin only. The letter in which his opinion is expressed was submitted to the President and Cabinet yesterday, and it is given to the country with their approval, after careful consideration of the subject. The Secretary uses the following language: "Under the laws now in force, there is no coin issued or issuable in which the principal of the 4 per cent. bonds is redeemable or the interest payable, except the gold coin of the United States of the standard value fixed by the laws in force on the 14th of July, 1870, when the bonds were issued." This is a succinct but comprehensive and clear statement of the laws as they now exist. The question being a very simple one; the laws being few in number, and in nowise contradictory, and the interpretation by the Government having been always consistent, it is easy for the Secretary to make a statement of this brief and conclusive character.

TILDEN forced his party to nominate him once, and if the old man lives and can succeed in filling the empty "barrels" by defrauding the government again of his taxes, he will probably try it again in 1880.

SCHURZ repudiates Schneider. He pronounces the recently repeated story of his borrowing money of Schneider and then paying the debt by having him appointed to the Swiss Mission as slanderously untrue. We never believed there was any more truth in the story than there used to be in the tales the reform newspapers formerly delighted to circulate during the former administration. Schurz was always indignant if they were not believed then.

Suppose for a moment that the Chisolm massacre, under like circumstances, had occured in Pennsylvania. For instance, let us suppose that a prominent Democrat in McKean county had been set upon by a mob of citizens and shot to death, together with his son and daughter, for no other crime than that he dared to be a democrat. Then suppose the county officials and the Governor of the State dare not and did not lift a finger to punish the cowardly and murderous assassins. Would not the interferance of the general government be demanded? Aye, indeed, in thunder tones. This is just how the case stands in Mississippi, only that Chisolm's crime was that he was a Republican, and his murderer and the Governor are Democrats.

THE make-up the State ticket, on the Republican side, this year is so clearly assured, that it will be hard work to get up an excitement in the convention. Judge Sterret will be nominated by acclamation—none being likely to oppose him. Major Hart seems equally sure of the Treasury nomination, and that of Auditor General is between Mr. Passmore, of Schuylkill, and Mr. Reeder, of Northampton. On the Democratic ticket, Colonel Noyes, of Clinton, will be selected for State Treasurer. For Auditor General several candidates are in the field but Senator Yerkes, of Bucks, can have the nomination if he desires. He has, however, declined. Judge Trunkey, of Venango, is the choice for Judge. No one questions that Judge Sterret will run largely ahead of his ticket, and be certainly elected. On the other two offices, the Democrats profess to have some hope, but while the vote will be lighter than usual, we believe the Republican party will carry the State. This, if done, will not be an expression on the President's policy, but a matter of State interest and pride.—*Pittsburgh Commercial.*

Tweed Discouraged.

The Attorney General has sent the following letter to Tweed's counsel:

SIR—Herewith I return to you the statement of the testimony which you assert that Wm. M. Tweed could give if he was released from imprisonment. After careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that the testimony which said Tweed could give, as shown by said statement, would not justify his release. You will also find the letters of Dr. Schirmer.

CHAS. S. FAIRCHILD, Atty. Gen'l.

The letters of Dr. Schirmer referred to, were in relation to Tweed's physical condition. Townsend commenting upon Fairchild's letter said he had never asked for Tweed's immunity from prosecution, but only for his release from custody in order that he might assist in the prosecution of other ring cases. Townsend said "with Tweed's assent which I hope to get, I shall present the facts in the case to the public in a few days."

LATER—TWEED TO CONFESS JUDGMENT.

Tweed has sent the following to his counsel:

LUDLOW STREET, June 13.

John D. Townsend:

DEAR SIR—I wish you to take the necessary steps to at once enable me to confess judgment in all cases brought against me by either the city, county or state. My defenses in all these matters have been disclosed by me to the Attorney General personally in several interviews on his personal assurance to me that if I made such statement I should be released from imprisonment, and as you know also to yourself, and it would be useless now to interpose a defence (even if I had a desire to do so), and thus save the city unnecessary further expense.

Your obedient servant,

WM. M. TWEED.

Tweed is very depressed in spirits and weaker in health. He denounces what he terms the injustice of the compromise with Sweeny and declares that the four criminal indictments found against the latter would have led to his conviction had he not fled instead of remaining as Tweed did to meet the issue. Tweed says Conolly and Sweeny were as much in the ring as himself. Sweeny's settlement is an admission of such complicity, and Tweed thinks he has a right to be as leniently treated.

THE Old Line Whig has been found at last. He was dug up in North Carolina, and, to make sure that people shall believe in his existence, the Administration has put him on a conspicuous pedestal in the Treasury. But it takes two to make a party.

—The Providence Tool Company are filling a $17,000,000 contract with the Turkish Government. They were there years preparing to begin the work, and now employ 2,500 men and turn out 200,000 guns per year.

What Democrats Think of Tilden's Appearance Now.

Cincinnati Enquirer's account of the Manhattan reception.

Mr. Tilden, as he stood before the large audience that filled the floor more than a hundred feet back, looked exceedingly cadaverous. He wore a white vest, a standing collar, an eye-glass suspended by a guard, and appeared, as usual, to have just quit chewing something. There was a peaked and pointed expression of his features that was a little ghastly despite his reddish complexion. His chin protruded, his blue eye was fixed on vacancy, his throat was lean and full of visible tendons, and his left arm hung inanimate down at his side. He never raised or used this arm at all. As his speech proceeded he raised his right arm, but never above the waist, and gestured a few times with it. The great audience looked at him with more curiosity—I may say solicitude—than with enthusiasm, though they gave him cheers. He was never beheld before by many of them. No martyr brought to the stake was ever more serious. His appearance and speech were of like sadness. After he spoke the first sentence he stopped as if memory failed. Then he spoke another sentence, and rested again; but before long this inanimate, dull, and blue eyed man raised his voice and became clear and plain; and although he looked at no one in particular, and appeared to be imperfectly aware that he had an audience, he was felt to be philosophic, consecutive, and really injured man; and the last two-thirds of his speech was plainly heard and appreciated. He addressed himself to the topic of his injury, and stuck to it. No good behavior, he argued, could condone fraud. As he had said very little on this question, his speech had a phenomenal character, as certainly his appearance was phenomenal. The dead Cid led forth to battle could not have been more ghastly nor more efficient.

State Boundaries.

The location of the boundary line between the State of Pennsylvania and New York is being inquired about by the joint commission of the two States at the hall of the Geographical Society of New York. One of the objects of the commission, besides fixing the boundary, is to replace any monuments which have become dilapidated or that have been removed on the line. The commission consists of James Worral, Robert N. Tory and C. M Gere, of Pennsylvania and John V. L. Pruyn, Henry R. Pierson and Chauncy M. Depew, of the board of Regents of the University of New York. Mr. Worral was made chairman and S. B. Woolworth, secretary of the board of Regents, was made secretary. The commission resolved that it is expedient that a reconnoissance of the boundary line between the two States be made by skilled surveyors in order to ascertain what monuments are missing and the condition of those that remain; also that an astronomical determination be made at four points of the line to ascertain the true location on the surface of the earth of the forty-second parallel o north latitude; that to join the work of survey one to be appointed by the commission from each State, and that the commissioners request the superintendent of the Government Coast Survey to co-operate.

Political Spray.

—The sole article of the existing Democratic creed: "Yell fraud, and keep yelling it."

—Mr. Tilden says that a year ago all the members of Tammany Ring were in exile or in the penitentiary. He wisely neglected to say where they are now.

—A Texas paper says that that State, under its Democratic administration, is running in debt at the rate of something like $1,000,000 a year, and already has a good start of $5,000,000.

—How the Democratic leaders do love *honesty* and *purity*, and all that sort of thing. Not a mother's son of them ever heard of a cipher dispatch about a presidential elector. It is doubtful if they heard of so bad a person as one Cronin of Oregon.

—How quickly the three hundred Mississippi assassins would be strung up by the neck if they were Republicans and Miss Chisolm and her little brother had belonged to a Democratic family! The enraged populace would not have waited for the law's delay, but would have burned the murderers alive on logheaps. But it is a mournful truth that a Democrat in that State can murder a Republican with impunity. —*Louisville Commercial.*

—Senator Ben. Hill of Georgia takes a rosy view of the future of the South. He said, in a recent speech in Georgia: "The future of the South is going to be better, brighter, nobler, and higher as times goes on, and if we will be wise, prudent, true, and firm—cling to the Union as it is—the day is not far distant when you will be the controlling power in this government, to the great good of everybody in the Union, and no one from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from the lakes to the Gulf, to save constitutional government to this people than the men who have been deriding us for two decades past.

—Mr. Hendricks says, "It will never do to say, when one man has taken the land that belongs to another by a title that is not good, that it is sufficient to say that the man who holds the land will cultivate it better than the true owner would have done. Before we reach that question we will settle the question who owns the land." A better statement of the case would be that after the ownership of the land has been settled by three or more courts and the judgment affirmed by a tribunal of last resort specially organized for the purpose, at the request and according to the wishes of the dissatisfied claimant, it will never do to recognize the validity of the judgment or admit the honesty of the party in possession. The thing to do is to throw stones at the party in possession and "cuss" the courts, the judges, and the jury system. *Tribune.*

Personal and General.

—Justice Bradley is in Florida.

—California makes her own glass.

—John G. Saxe, the poet, is seriously ill.

—New Jersey editors visits Wallkins Glenn this year.

—Lake Superior is lower than it has been for years.

—President Hayes is said to be of Virginia descent.

—No fireworks on the Fourth of July in New York city.

—By a "mercantile structure" they mean in Boston a store.

—Sixteen thousand soldiers are to be sent to Cuba by Spain.

—The Princess of Wales has become very deaf.

—The distress from famine in some parts of India is most intense.

—Eight hundred lives were lost by the late tidal wave on the South Pacific coast.

—The Reform Club of London propose to elect General Grant a member.

—James Russel Lowell has accepted the Spanish Mission, and will shortly leave for Spain.

—Iowa claims the honor of having named the Republican Party—time, December, 1855.

—Messrs. Moody and Sankey begin a four week's revival in Baltimore the 1st of September.

—Mr. Barnum and Mr. Rose are said to be confident that the offer of $10,000 reward will result in the recovery of the lost boy.

—The Washington *Star* says it is not true that Mr. W. W. Corcoran has given $20,000 or any other amount, to be distributed among the discharged Government employees.

—Albert Stienway, of the well-known piano house of New York, died last week, leaving a property valued at $400,000.

—During the first three months of this year, 1,100 miles of railway, representing a cost of $67,000,000, passed into the hands of receivers.

—The English public and *lords* and ladies have so completely occupied the time of General Grant that he has hardly been able to say how do you do to his daughter.

—Peter Sweeny stole millions from the city of New York and was allowed to go free by the return of $400,000. A printer stole two cheap silver watches in Allegany county while drunk and was sent to the penitentiary for three years. And still people prate about the justice of the courts. Bah!

—When Senator Blaine was told by a friend the other day, that a great many people attributed the inspiration of the Gail Hamilton letters in the *Tribune* to him, he said that reminded him of a little story. A woman in one of the back counties of Pennsylvania went before a notary public to acknowledge a deed and was asked the usual question if she signed the deed without compulsion or fear of her husband. Stepping back one or two paces she put her hands on her hips, set her head on one side, and after looking at the Judge for a moment, exclaimed: "I guess, jedge, you don't know the family.

—According to the New York *Herald* Congressmen Foster and Garfield assert the Republican party will not only hold its own in the coming fall election in Ohio, but there will be large accessions from the Democratic ranks.

DOCTORS differ. The Philadelphia *Press* having stated that the first Republican platform of the present organization was adopted at Philadelphia June 17, 1856, by the national convention, which nominated John C. Fremont as President and William L. Dayton as Vice-President, the Pittsburg *Commercial Gazette* corrects the first named journal by the statement that "the first Republican platform was adopted at Pittsburg, February 22, 1856, at a national convention held for the organization of the party. It was this national convention at Pittsburg which called the convention at Philadelphia that nominated Fremont."

—The Providence *Journal* notes some of the omissions in Mr. Tilden's speech. It says: "The frauds in the Presidential election were immensely on the part of the Democrats. Not a Northern State gave its electoral votes honestly for Tilden, and none of the Southern States except Texas and those on the border. Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina, Alabama, were Republican on an honest vote, and the Democratic leaders having failed to corrupt or to intimidate the Republican majority in the three Southern States where it prevailed, attempted to bribe the Electors after they had been chosen."

What an Old Man has Noted.

I have noticed that all men are honest when well watched.

I have noticed that purses will hold dimes as well as dollars.

I have noticed that in order to be a reasonable creature it is necessary at times to be downright mad.

I have noticed that silks, broad cloths and jewels, are often bought with other people's money.

I have noticed that he who thinks every man a rough is certain to see one when he shaves himself, and he ought, in mercy to his neighbor, to surrender the rascal to justice.

I have learned that money is the fool's wisdom, the knave's reputation, the poor man's desire, the covetous man's ambition, and the idol of all.

I have noticed that all men speak well for all men's virtues when they are dead, and the tombstones are marked with the epitaphs of the good and virtuous. Is there any particular cemetery where the bad are buried?

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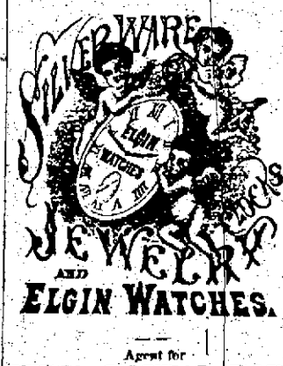

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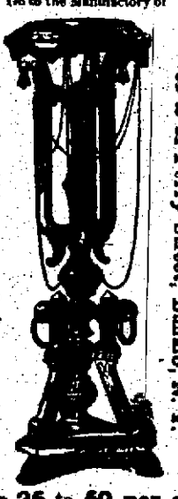

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BAPTIST.—O. J. ROSE, pastor. Services Sunday at 10½ a. m., and at 7½ p. m. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Preaching once in two weeks at the Hafner school house.

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A Baptist church has been organized in Port Allegany.

WORK has resumed on the new Presbyterian church of Kane.

STEPS are being taken to organize a Presbyterian church in Bradford.

SMETHPORT will celebrate the Fourth this year—in the usual manner.

HOLT and SAM. were released by the Judge just in time to go to the circus.

M. A. SPRAGUE keeps all kinds of wooden ware, such as butter tubs, bowls, &c.

THE career of Fred Prentice, the oil prince, is undoubtedly nipped in the bud for a season.

HOW much better the M. E. Church would look with a neat, modern steeple?

THE circus on Tuesday was fully up to the standard of excellence claimed for it.

THE grand jury found fifty indictments awaiting their action when they assembled.

AN excursion train will be run from this place to the Eldred camp meeting and return next Sunday.

DR. BAUM, the dentist, will be in Port Allegany next Tuesday and Wednesday, the 26th and 27th.

IT is thought that the "one-legged railroad" between Bradford and Olean will surely be built.

CHADWICK'S horse railroad to the depot is doing a rushing business this week, and requires two extra passenger cars.

OUR two large hotels are full to overflowing this week, and ye landlord feels that he has struck a flowing well—for a short time.

THE Catholic Total Abstinance Society of Kane are building a Temperance Hall. The walls are to be of stone, size of building 30x70 feet.

JUDGE WILLIAMS started for Edinburgh, Scotland, last week Wednesday. He was accompanied by his wife and Mrs. James Bryden, of Emporium.

THERE isn't much difference between a West Point cadet and a druggist's apprentice. They are both learning how to kill with the mortar.—*Rabbit Pool.*

DO NOT fail to read Hazkill & Gifford's new advertisement. It does not tell half the story, however—and we advise a personal inspection of their clean stock.

A SMOOTH-TONGUED sharper collected quite a considerable on Main street Tuesday by offering such brilliant bants as a dollar bill for a quarter, &c. The fool-killer has not been about of late, so the credulous bit quite freely—and were taken in.

WHAT is fame? The Buffalo Courier speaks of our distinguished friend Gen. Thos. L. Kane as "Gen. Kane, of Kane Station." The boys who "run" the Courier have probably never heard of Gen. Kane and his famous Bucktails.

WE in common with its other readers, will feel relieved when the Buffalo *Express* has concluded its personal quarrel with the *Commercial* of the same city, and can devote its editorial columns to more interesting matter.

WE wish to assure those of our cotemporaries who have spoken so kindly of late of the MINER and its improvement that their kind words are gratefully appreciated and full of encouragement.

CORNELIUS COKLEY, of Sinnemahoning, Cameron county, Pa., acquires information of the whereabouts of his father, Dennis Cokley, who resided in Elmira, N. Y., 12 years ago, and has not been heard of since.

OUR editorial friends A. J. Hughes, of the Reporter, Hon. J. S. Mann, of the Potter Journal, and Reid. Shankland, of the Cattaraugus Union, favored the MINER office with a call this week. All were highly pleased with the appearance of our new power press.

THE report that Fred Prentice, the extensive oil operator, and President of the P. C. L. & P. Co., had failed was contraced last week by our New York dispatches. Liabilities $300,000. Cause, too heavy speculation in oil.

BRADFORD has a new bath-house, and our enthusiastic friend Persons having for the first time in his life enjoyed a thorough wash in a genuine bath-house, is so tickled over the effect that in the fullness of his enthusiasm and generosity he invites all his friends to come over and partake. Such is the ingenuousness of inexperienced youth!

WE are sorry to be informed that Mrs. John Rose has never recovered fully from the effect of the overdose of extract of nux vomica taken a few weeks ago. We were informed last evening that her condition was very critical, and that her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Colegrove, had been summoned to her bedside.

OUR facetious friend Miller, of the Elk Democrat, suggests very kindly that we get our new power press "by some hook or crook." The Campbell Press Company do not sell their machines on those terms, neighbor. Try them once, anyway.

CHAS. F. PERSONS, editor of the Bradford Era, visited Smethport and the MINER office yesterday for the first time, under the safe guardianship of Dr. E. A. Van Scoy. We were pleased to make the acquaintance of our friend of the Era, and extend to him the right hand of fellowship and good will.

HON. THOS. L. KANE gave us the honor of an hour's call in our sanctum last evening. The General is looking and feeling well. He presented his compliments to the new press during his stay both by a personal and admiring inspection and in a more substantial manner, thus nonconcurring his decease of the gratitude and good will of the printer.

NEWSPAPER publishing business must surely be getting down to the "hard-pan" when a publisher is willing to barter a column of space for a year for less than half regular rates—payable in cash. We think we should prefer leaving the space blank, or what would be much better, fill it with interesting reading matter rather than cram it to our patrons and depreciate the trade and the value of our columns in that way.

ROBT. SHANKLAND, the veteran editor of the Ellicottville Union, and one of the oldest newspaper publishers of Western New York, has been in town several days dancing attendance upon the court as a witness. He naturally found his way to our office, and made us several pleasant calls during his stay in town. Mr. Shankland learned his trade with the Harpers of New York, has worked by the side of the lamented Horace Greeley, and belongs to the almost extinct class of old time, thorough printers. He has been publisher and editor of the Union 38 years, and we presume has forgotten more than we have yet learned about the printing business, but we found both pleasure and profit in listening to his reminiscences of "ye olden tymes."

THE dairy farmers of Potter County are using their cream by milk fever.

OAKEY HULL is clerking in Kane, but it is not A. Oakey; it is a much better man.

THE firm of Davis & James, Kane, has been dissolved by mutual consent, J. Davis assuming the management.

THE Russian court invited Dr. Ayer and his family to the Archduke's wedding in the Royal Palace. This distinction was awarded him not only because he was an American, but also because his name as a physician has become favorably known in Russia on its passage around the world.—*Pueblo (Col.) People.*

—If you want a good, cold dish of ice cream, call at the Wright House any evening between seven and nine o'clock.

—Ida Greeley and her husband, Mr. Smith, have just added another monument to Horace Greeley's memory. It is a boy —weight thirteen pounds.

—The Follett Bros. well, north of the Trumbower well, is probably a duster. Saturday they were down 1530 feet and had passed through fifty feet of poor sand.

—Insure your life with W. H. Mandeville, Olean, N. Y. tf

—If our exchanges inform us correctly, the convicted Molly Maguires swing today, though we had supposed that Friday was "hangmen's day."

—John B. Gough has a farm of 125 acres at Worcester. If he lectures at $200 a night for five nights each week, it is expected he will make enough to run the farm.

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—The late firm of W. H. Bearce & Co., manufacturers of cigars at Wilmarth, has been dissolved, and W. H. Bearce will hereafter carry on the business alone. He can do it, if any one can.

—Mr. Macfarlane treated all the employees of the Coal company, and the citizens of Clermont generally, to a sumptuous picnic yesterday on the occasion of his marriage. Mac. believes in doing a thing up right.

—None but reliable insurance companies represented by W. H. Mandeville. tf

—The excursion train run by the McKean & Buffalo road to the camp-meeting at Eldred next Sunday will leave Clermont at 8 a. m., leaving Smethport at about 8. Returning it will leave Eldred at about 5 p. m. thus giving excursionists all day on the grounds. The train will stop at all stations and crossings.

—Insure yourself against Accidents in the Traveler's Insurance Company, with W. H. Mandeville, agent, Olean, N. Y. tf

—To the surprise of many, when the prisoners "Sam and Bob" were brought before the court they were summarily discharged by his honor Judge Wilson ordering the district attorney to issue a nol. pros. on the indictment. These two young men were placed in jail about ten months ago, and no doubt were guilty of the charge preferred against them. They have got clear through a loop-hole in the law—and the county can pay the bill. There is considerable room for comment on the case, in which we shall try and indulge ourselves next week.

—One of the most interesting cases before the court this week is that of Commonwealth vs. Kennedy, in which our quiet friend P. T. Kennedy is charged with conspiracy, attempting to blow up an oil derrick, and other seditious and violent deeds contrary to the constitution and laws. The jury was drawn yesterday noon and the case is still on. There are a host of witnesses present, and there is no telling when the case will be concluded.

—In a conversation with a gentleman who occupies a prominent position among men, and is thoroughly informed of the moving causes of the failure of Fred. Prentice, we learned that the latter gentleman has undoubtedly been painted blacker than he is. Our informant believes that his failure was caused by the treachery of his backers, that he was honest in his purpose to fight the battles of the producers, but that he was "sold out" by false friends. Our informant is not given to the sensational, and speaks from reliable authority.

—With no display of fuss, feathers or nonsense, Mr. Graham Macfarlane, engineer and superintendent of the Buffalo Coal Company's mines at Clermont, was married yesterday to Miss Ella Bradley, of Olean. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's mother in the presence of only the family friends. The bride and groom, like a sensible couple, went the same day to their pleasant home on the hill, and took up at once the duties and pleasures of home-life together. We know that Mac. is one of nature's noblemen, in every way worthy of a noble, true-hearted wife, and from what we learn of his choice we believe he has been fortunate in obtaining the hand and heart of a lady possessed of more than ordinary charms of mind and person. May their lives be long, happy and prosperous.

CHEAPER TRANSPORTATION.—The express companies have set up opposition to the Postal Department. On the 31st ult. they issued a circular to the public that they would hereafter carry certain articles, not exceeding four pounds in weight, at the rate of one cent per ounce, but no package is to be rated at less than ten cents, and the valuation of each package is to be fixed at one dollar. The list of articles enumerated in the classification of matter that will be carried at the above rates conforms quite closely to articles carried through the mails at one cent per ounce. There is one advantage in sending a package by express. If it is lost its value can be recovered of the companies, provided it does not exceed a dollar, while nothing can be recovered of the government when an article is lost in the mail.

THE STATE LINE ROAD.—The Rochester Democrat & Chronicle of last week Monday says: "Saturday afternoon we were shown telegrams from Mr. Waterman, of Philadelphia, to one of the directors of the road, stating that the money necessary to finish the entire road to Salamanca was ready, and also that the iron to complete the southern end of the road was on the way. It had been shipped from Danville, the place of manufacture, and would soon be on the line. Mr. Waterman requested also that the work be pushed vigorously.

The Olean Record of last week also says: "Notwithstanding the directors are still squabbling in the law courts, the work on the State Line Railroad is going on finely. The track is laid to and beyond Lelloy, the road will be open for travel and traffic to Warsaw on the 26th, a new locomotive has been shipped to Salamanca, the iron for the west end is arrived at Machias, and best of all Mr. Waterman, the contractor, says he has the money in hand to pay for its laying to Salamanca."

"A Big Ingun."

The largest well that was ever struck commenced flowing in the Bullion district last Sunday evening. A Derrick reporter states that during the whole night two pipes were running their full capacity at a rate equal to any gusher ever struck, and double the amount of any one ever found in that district. On the afternoon of the next day a gauge was accurately taken, and it was found that she was flowing at the rate of 3500 barrels per day! The latest reports are that she is still flowing at the rate of 140 barrels an hour. The excitement in the region is intense.

The Circus.

A good circus is becoming a very rare thing. We were promised that Hilliard & Hunting's circus would be a good one, and it was. We are free to say that it was the best entertainment of that character we ever attended. (We went of course; some one had to take the children.) The horses were well trained and well kept, the trapeze and acrobatic performers understood their business thoroughly, the clown was rarely silly, never disgusting, and often amusing, in fact the entire performance was highly creditable, and approached as nearly to what might be called a "moral" circus as was possible.

Elopement.

We have a sensation, in the form of an elopement in high life. One Green, whose christian name we know not, was sadly smitten with Casey, the daughter of Wm. Stanton. The hearts of the young couple beat as one, but the heart of the cruel parent did not chime in unison. The young man finally persuaded his sweetheart to discard parental rule and rest in his manly bosom. They went, and we doubt not are now roaming in fields of bliss. Roger's steam saw-mill has thus lost a valuable hand, Bobtown one of its citizens, and Stanton a daughter, but Green has won his bride. "Faint heart never won fair lady."

Why Not Finish It?

The M. E. Church of this place is beginning to become unrecognizable as the failed, broken structure of a few months ago. It has not only been moved back to a respectable distance from the street and placed upon an excellent foundation, but has been repainted on the outside, and the plasterers are now at work putting a new coat on the inside walls. But no amount of money expended on the structure will give it a finished appearance until the steeple is replaced. There is already a good foundation built for the steeple, and if it is not erected now it may never be. The headless, stunted appearance of the Court House is a sufficient blot upon the beauty of our village, but the defect can be vastly remedied by giving the church some appearance of architectural beauty in the way of a steeple. Can it not be done? If not, why not?

Tent Meetings.

The society of Seventh Day Adventists will hold a series of Tent Meetings at Stickles Hollow, commencing next Tuesday evening, and continuing for an indefinite period. They have secured a new 50 foot tent, which will accommodate a large audience, and will give a series of evening lectures, also three lectures on Sunday, on the subjects of the Advent Doctrine, Sabbath Question, Nature of Man, &c. Elders Saunders and Ballou will conduct the meetings. The public are cordially invited to attend, and are assured comfortable entertainment.

This society has been holding the week or two a mammoth campmeeting at Fillmore Park, on the line of the B. N. Y. & P. R. R., which was reported at length in the Buffalo city papers as largely attended, very interesting, and conducted with remarkable order and quiet.

Frederick Prentice.

One day last week the failure of Frederick Prentice, President of the Producers' Consolidated Land and Petroleum company, was announced. His liabilities are not entirely known, but they are supposed to be about half a million. This leads the Titusville Herald to review the career of this remarkable man, who has had so many ups and downs, and has been the hero of so many defeats as well as victories, and the wonder is he does not tire out with so many revolutions of fortune's wheel. It must have been twelve or fifteen years ago that he went into partnership with Bissell & Bishop, of the Central Petroleum company, of which Mr. Edward Fox, of Titusville, was superintendent. He was highly successful. Then he went into silver mining in Colorado and California, and got beyond his depth. Before his failure, however, he had purchased a large tract of land in the outskirts of Toledo, which he cut up into lots, and also bought a most spacious and elegant residence there. The property must have increased in value with the improvements he added, but is said to be heavily encumbered. In 1871 he made a new start in the oil business, taking up the Foster farm with C. D. Angel. Money flowed into his coffers again. He then operated with Wheeler, Barber & Crawford on Bully Hill, another good investment, it is supposed. In 1873 he purchased an interest from Harrington Brothers, in the Story farm, Butler county. There he sunk wells and took up territory promiscously, to an enormous extent, in many unproductive localities. In 1875 he went east and stocked his interest, though many believed him then insolvent. In 1876 he took hold of Bradford with some Boston parties, and it is supposed they all made money in 1876 in oil speculations. Elated by their success they visited the region and were banqueted by Henry Harley, who talked seaboard pipe to them. It is believed that the Boston gentlemen furnished the money to build a refinery in New York city, which cost about $500,000. Prentice built the Relief Pipe Line in Butler county in 1873. He also projected and surveyed a line to convey the oil from Sarah Furnace on the Allegany river to Bradford, and thence to Buffalo. The McKean Pipe Line he transferred to the American Transfer. It is reported that Prentice has made enormous purchases of futures B. O. first six of 1877, ranging from $3.25 to $4.00 a barrel, and that parties holding these contracts are willing to settle at any price. Prentice claimed to be the savior of the producers, but if you get behind these schemes of philanthropy in business, you frequently find that the promoters have an axe to grind. It was said that the Standard was to be overmatched in the trade at last by Prentice and his allies, but his race in that line of competition was a short one. Judging from his past, Prentice will be heard of again, for there seems to be no such word as fail in his vocabulary—but alas! for his creditors.

NEWS FROM OUTSIDE.

Condensed from our Local Exchanges.

—Olean society calls garden picnics *Pic champetres.*

—Williamsport is putting in a fire-alarm telegraph at a cost of $700.

—Large shipments of bark are made from Cameron county to Lock Haven.

—Warren's population is put at 4,800. What was it before the discovery of oil?

—The Olean base ballists were defeated by the Hornells last Friday by a score of 8 to 6.

—Rev. Hugh Q. Miller has accepted the call of Emmanuel Episcopal church at Emporium.

—The second trial of Henry C. Hendryx for the alleged murder of his wife was begun at Angelica last week Monday.

—A movement is on foot to apply to the next legislature for the passage of a bill authorizing the removal of the county seat of Elk county from Ridgway to Wilmarth.

—The tall-chokered young men of Olean talk of clubbing together and sending their washing to Buffalo. Their home washerwomen refuse to trust them longer, presumably.

—The Fourth of July will be celebrated at Minneola with the aid of addresses by Col. Forney, Hon. A. K. McClure, and others. Many distinguished persons will be present.

—Work upon the derrick of the well to be put down near the old Grant mill, in Millstone township, Elk County, by the Ridgway, Oil and Pipe Line company, was commenced on Monday.

—A. N. Cole, editor of the Genesee Valley Free Press, Belmont, has been appointed a committee of one to investigate the oil territory of Western New York in the interest of the State, and to spread himself generally. He is capable, especially of the latter.

—Col. T. J. Thorpe, the once gallant, dashing colonel of the Frst New York Dragoons, whom we remember in our younger days as the handsome, talented and aristocratic senior of old Alfred University, the pride of the faculty, the darling of the girls and the exalted pattern of we freshmen, has got down to be a book agent.

—The prospects for getting oil at Canisteo are certainly very encouraging. The first sand was reached at a depth of about two hundred feet, and pronounced by Bradford oilmen to be the genuine "first sand." Then they found salt water, and a few feet further down struck a vein of gas, which now supplies the fuel necessary to run the engine and lots of gas to spare. The stockholders feel so elated over the prospects that they refuse to dispose of their stock for four times the face of it.

—Duane, the Bank robber, was called in court this (Wednesday) morning. There were four indictments against him: Larceny of a horse, larceny of a buggy, assault with intent to kill, and breaking into a store. *Nol. pros.* as to assault, plead guilty as to the other indictments. Sentenced to the penitentiary for four years for breaking into store; four years for larceny of horse, to be computed from expiration of sentence for breaking into store, and three years for larceny of buggy, computed from expiration of sentence for larceny of horse, making total sentence of eleven years.—*Potter Enterprise.*

Notes of Court Proceedings.

Reported up to Thursday noon.

—Additional Judge Wilson and Associates Brownell and Burnham occupy the high seat of justice.

—The legal fraternity of the county was increased by the admission of the following gentlemen to practice at this bar: Messrs. Longfellow, L. D. Cobb, W. M. Metzer, L. P. Hinds.

—One Allen, John Sellin, was admitted to citizenship.

—The following commonwealth cases were disposed of up to the time of going to press: Com. vs Abraham Stout and Samuel Nelson. Court directed the District Attorney to enter a not. pros. on the indictment.

Com. vs L. A. Coy, Buggery. Defendant found guilty in manner and form as indicted.

Com. vs. Robert Clancy, Mayhew. Defendant found guilty of assault and battery.

Com. vs. F. N. Taylor, et al. Assault and battery. Defendants found not guilty and to pay costs. Motion to set aside so much of verdict as put costs on the defendant granted.

Com. vs. J. H. Dingman, Larceny. Defendant found not guilty.

Benjamin W. Scott, vs. Lucinda Scott, Decree of divorce granted.

Com. vs. Robt. Clancy. Assault and battery with intent to kill. Nol. Pros. entered upon payment of costs by defendant, except prosecutors costs as witness.

—The Grand Jury returned true bills as follows:

W. H. Cory, assaulting an officer; Zachariah Carl, malicious mischief; Ed. Mullin, assault and battery; R. L. Ketchum, assault and battery; Henry Thomas, assault and battery; W. H. Spaulding, assault and battery; J. H. McKinney, et al., keeping tippling house; Wm. Allen, Geo. Foster, and Geo. Williamson, burglary; Wm. Hamilton, burglary; John Fisher, keeping tippling house; A. J. Brower, larceny (four indictments.)

The following licenses have been granted:

FOR TAVERN LICENSES.

BRADFORD BORO'	- -	R. W. Green.
BRADFORD TWP.	- -	James O'Neil.
" "	- -	C. M. Coleman.
" "	- -	McNama & Lavery.
" "	- -	Philip Spickermagle.
" "	- -	Davis H. Lewis.
" "	- -	Jeremiah Cronen.
" "	- -	Duncan Sutherland.
" "	- -	Patrick Mulqueen.
SERGEANT TWP.	- -	C. H. Moore.
SMETHPORT BORO'	- -	Wm. Hamill.
WETMORE TWP.	- -	Geo. Welker.
ELDRED TWP.	- -	B. Larrabee.

RESTAURANT or EATING HOUSE LICENSE.

BRADFORD "	- -	James O'Donnell.
" "	- -	Geo B. Abbey & B Guan.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE.

LAFAYETTE TWP.	- -	Charles Geary.

Ladies N. B.

Warley Gifford, of the firm of Haskill & Gifford, has just returned from the city with a full stock of Summer Goods, shawls, parasols, ties, neck-wear, embroidery, and fancy goods of every description. Call and look at them.

An Old Friends

The advertisement of R. O. Smith & Co. Olean, must seem to our readers like an old friend. In the history of the MINER we cannot remember when this firm have not made generous appropriations of its columns. They have been rewarded by obtaining more of the trade of McKean county than any or all the business houses of Olean combined. In fact they seem to our people like home tradesmen, and it is as natural for a citizen of McKean county to go or send to R. O. Smith & Co. for anything they want as to the merchant of their own locality. In another column they have something more to tell their old friends and patrons. Read it over carefully; and if you want a good article of dress goods, or anything else, it is needless to say that there is no better place to get it than at R. O. Smith & Co.'s.

BRADFORD CORRESPONDENCE.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

BRADFORD, PA., JUNE 18, 1877.

To the Editor of the Miner:

The market has been very shaky during the past week with a downward tendency. The Transfer Line closes to-day at $1.55, while the latest advices for United is $1.91.

Whitney, Wheeler & Co. finished a twenty barrel well on the Emery farm, West Branch, last week, and C. S. Whitney & Son a fifteen barreler on the McMunsy farm, Foster Brook.

Drilling is to be commenced this week on the Mount Raub well; the highest oil rig on record.

Mr. O. Gesner is building a new rig on the Haffey homestead at DeGoller.

Major F. S. Trumbower, just arrived from Indian Creek, informs me that his well in that territory has flowed about two hundred barrels in the forty days since first struck, and continues to steadily produce at the same rate of five barrels daily.

He also reports of two new wells coming in last Saturday on Four Mile Run, one belonging to Carroll and the other to Welch & Co. The oil produced in that territory he says brings forty cents a barrel more in the Olean Pipe Line than the Tuna Valley oil.

The driving grade in the centre of Main street, made by the road commissioners, as far as finished is a nice thing, but the wide ditch on each side which is constantly filled with water and refuse with no visible outlet is very far from pleasant, especially on warm days. It makes lots of fun for the small boys though.

A subscription paper is being circulated to raise funds with which to build an M. E. Church. Mr. John Brown has it in hand. The society has no building of its own but rents the opera house for Sunday service and sabbath school.

Mrs. Roter and Mrs. Moore, two Titusville ladies, have opened a first class dining and lodging house in the East end of the Allen building, South side of public square. It has an inviting look for a clean meal. A laundry is to be added in a short time.

A platform dance was to have come off in Newells grove on Thursday evening last, but a heavy rain storm proved too much for it. The same evening Mr. Isaac Willetts had one of his legs broken by being thrown from his buggy, the horse was frightened by a flash of lightning and shying ran a wheel into a deep rut, causing the accident to Mr. W.

The Baum Bros. have discontinued the printing business and now keep the Foster Brook House, a first class hotel on the Foster Brook road.

The failure of Mr. Prentice has been repeatedly rumored on the streets lately, and now as the New York Tribune publishes it as an established fact, no one pretends to disbelieve it. The Producers Consolidated Land and Petroleum Company continues to exist, though Mr. Prentice has retired from the Presidency of it. Its operations will be more limited than was intended earlier in the season.

Mr. F. N. Taylor, of Tarport, was brought up before Justice Ward on Saturday, on a charge of assaulting a man named Fluker with a sling-shot. Before a hearing was had Taylor settled the suit by paying Fluker, who is an employee in Van Every's livery stable, one hundred dollars.

About eleven o'clock Saturday night a lamp exploded in G. A. Berry's law office, Exchange building, creating a lively blaze. Timely assistance and a bucket of water extinguished the fire before much damage was done, but it was a close call for Bradford for all that.

The P. C. L. & P. Co. in an effort to break up a "corner in oats" lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

A Boro' election was held here on Saturday to determine whether a tax to supply the city with water should be levied. Out of ninety-two votes cast fifty-seven were "For" and thirty-five "Against."

A skull and cross-bones affixed to a post in the centre of Main street near the railroad crossing, denotes a dangerous mud hole which should be immediately repaired.

Murray's circus failed to make its appearance on Saturday as advertised.

Washburne's Last Sensation is to be here on Monday next.

H. L. Fouri, the groceryman, is enlarging his premises and building a bake-oven in the rear of his store.

JAS. E. BUTTS Jr. has white-washed his coal shed, besides which he is building a large platform between the rear switch and Webster street for unloading heavy freights.

The old Crooker Band is being revived.

D. DUST.

The Bullion District

From the Derrick of the 19th.

About one hundred and twenty-five new wells are drilling and getting ready to drill in the Bullion district, the striking of the McCalmont Farm Company's big gusher, ten days ago, having given operations there a wonderful impetus. This well has cut quite a figure. It was struck on the 7th inst., and as its production was not much below 1,000 barrels for the first twenty four hours, the market dropped fifteen cents the first day. Other wells coming in two or three days later, all above the average, the market crept down gradually to $1,00. This was a depreciation of 38½c in consequence of the strike, as on the day before the market closed at $2,28½. This well which had such a disastrous effect upon the market, although but ten days old, has not only ceased flowing, but is not pumping more than sixty barrels a day. The receiving tank is kept locked, but we are assured by those who are in a position to know, that sixty barrels will cover its daily production. All the other wells in the vicinity have also declined largely, but perhaps none of them in the same proportion as the McCalmont. The prospects are good, however, for this rapidly declining production to pick up, inasmuch as a large number of wells are nearly completed, and will be due, about two a day, for some days to come.

Lost.

The undersigned having lost somewhere in the limits of this borough an envelope containing two notes drawn to F. L. Brown & Co. one against Wilbur Irons, and one against a Mrs. Wright, also a statement of account against J. C. Mosier in favor of the said F. L. Brown & Co., requests any person finding the same to return them to him. The parties against whom the notes are drawn are cautioned against paying the same to any but proper parties.

G. M. SMITH.

Bark.

A. H. Cory buys and ships hemlock bark from Smethport, Farmers Valley, Fritchee and Larrabee. May 31 1877. tf

Fire.

Last Thursday night a large barn, the property of F. D. Wheeler, of this place, located down the river about two miles from the village, was totally destroyed by fire with all its contents, including about six tons of hay, one two-seated buggy, horse hay rake, hay fork with ropes and pulleys, a quantity of harness, &c. The fire was not discovered until the building was nearly consumed.

Murphy Movement.

Last Wednesday night was the occasion of another large and enthusiastic meeting for the promotion of the temperance cause. The meeting was held in the Union Church, which was comfortably filled. Rev. L. D. Watson was advertised to lecture, but failing to appear Rev. J. W. Gamble, of Port Allegany, filled his place in a most efficient manner. Revs. S. D. Morris and A. W. Meriville also gave short addresses, and at the close a general invitation was given to parties to come forward and sign the pledge, sixty-six names were quickly enrolled, making in all a noble little army of 330 pledged against their common enemy, and this number will become greatly augmented as these meetings progress. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, June 26th when that able champion of the temperance cause, Martin Carr, of Olean, will be present.

Building Notes.

Mr. Wakeman's new mill is so near completion that the machinery is to put in motion this week, and as there is a large stock of logs on hand business will be lively.

Halbert & Lamphere's new black-smith and wagon shop, near the Lattice Bridge is near completion. Mr. Halbert is preparing the foundation of a new dwelling house on the same lot.

E. Doane's flour and feed store will be open for business in about two weeks. This will be a decided improvement to our village. The building is 20x46.

The contract for building a new school house on Barden Brook has been let to J. Kaufman for $288.

CORRECTION.—We made a mistake in a former letter respecting the party who was to have charge of the refreshment booth on the camp grounds this year. We are pleased to state that Mr. Walter Archibald, who catered so well for the public on this occasion last year, will again have charge of the booth and the public can rely on getting a square meal at reasonable charges.

VERITAS.

Letter From Dr. Brown.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Though no direct or literal reference was made to me in the instructions contained in the letter of your last issue under the signature of Dr. Freeman, and though as a consequence, in the minds of evil disposed persons, I may be made a prey to the oft asserted idea that "he whom the cost dis pat it on," nevertheless, being more fully acquainted perhaps than any person with the circumstances surrounding the time of the compounding of this prescription, and with the various things that could in any way have been directed so as to lead this "big medicine man" to the suspicion that anybody except himself could have been at fault in the dispensation of this poisonous drug, I am very fully convinced that I am the individual referred to as the giver of the "bad counsel," the "designing outsider" and the tamperer of his "prescription," and now in my own defense, and in justice to the drug clerk whom I consider most shamefully accused without a known cause, I assume this opportunity and manner of presenting the matter to the public:

Since I discontinued riding I have spent most of my time in the store of W. T. Cellar, and this is one circumstance from which I deduce that I am the person referred to in the letter under consideration; but while I do not remember the exact date on which this suspicious prescription came into the store, I do remember of having went one evening during the last session of court in this place lying on the writing desk in the store room, and right there and then, without laying a hand on the prescription, and after calling to mind the delicate physique of the person for whom the extract of nux vomica was indicated, in the presence of Mr. Cellar and his clerk, I made the remark in the somewhat homely phraseology that Freeman would yet be taught discretion through the giving of his horse doses.

Now this was the only relation I had with his prescription, as I immediately left the store and do not remember of having returned that evening, neither did there a word pass between myself and the clerk in relation to the matter until after the report was current of the poisoning of Mrs. Ross, and if the opposite opinion exists in the mind of anybody excepting Freeman I will on request obtain the affidavit of the clerk to this effect.

Another reason, if I mistake not my premises of induction, why I have been made to assume my share of difficulty as a target in the round of this individual's pugnacious attacks is that, after Mrs. Ross had nearly recovered from that overdose, I accidentally met her husband, Mr. John Ross, on the street in this village and as a matter of course the difficulty just experienced by his wife was made the subject of a brief conversation, in which, after learning the impression which had been conveyed in relation to the matter, I stated to Mr. Ross, with malignity to nobody, and in justice to the drug clerk on whom it seemed the whole blame had been cast, that it was sheer injustice without further investigation to so absolutely accuse this clerk, as in my estimation the one grain of extract of nux vomica to set forth in the prescription might, through the delicacy and nervous temperament of his wife and the other cordial elements of the same pill hastening absorption in conjunction with an empty stomach, have been sufficient to produce the symptoms which had been observed, and this identical opinion I hold at the present time and doubt not but I may be corroborated by the majority of the physicians of McKean county. There could be many pages written in support of this conclusion, but I shall thus abruptly close for the present, and shall hold myself in readiness to fully air this matter to the public should the events of the future demand it. Yours truly,

EDWARD G. BROWN.

Smethport June 16 1877.

A Marvel Mill.

There are many people, even in the borough of Smethport, who are not aware that we have in the limits of the borough one of the finest equipped and most complete lumber mills in northern Pennsylvania. We refer to Rogers' Saw and Planing Mill. Mr. Rogers has spared no pains or expense to make this mill first class in every particular. It is supplied with all the latest and most improved machinery, and is capable of turning out the best kind of work. Mr. R. has recently turned his attention to the manufacture of oil tanks, bull-wheels, &c., and by the aid of new machinery put in expressly for the purpose is enabled to do this kind of work in a superior manner. The mill is altogether an institution of which we are justly proud, and we hope to be able before many days to give our readers a detailed description of it.

Notice.

All persons having unsettled accounts with the late Hon. A. N. Taylor, are hereby notified that said accounts are now in the hands of John C. Backus, who is Attorney for the Executors of the Estate of said Taylor, who will together with one or more of the said Executors make it a point to be at the office of said Backus, in the borough of Smethport, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, after next week, for the purpose of settling said accounts. All persons having unsettled accounts as above stated, will please be prompt in answering the notice, and thereby save themselves costs.

A. E. TAYLOR,
D. C. YOUNG,
F. N. TAYLOR,
} Executors.

Smethport, Pa. Nov. 16, 1876.-tf

FINANCIAL STATEMENT of Hamilton School District for 1877.

Tax rate 10 mills on the dollar for school purposes.

RECEIPTS.

From collector including taxes of all kinds	$ 72 84
On debts since last report	2 75
From County Treas. for unseated lands since last report	1200 00
From State appropriation for year ending June 1877.	11 60
Total receipts	$1286 99

EXPENDITURES.

For purchasing grounds	$ 25 00
For furnishing houses	142 66
For repairing houses	275 00
For teachers wages	684 00
For fuel	30 00
Fees of Treasurer	29 25
Fees of secretary	25 00
All other expenses	289 14
Total expenses	$1230 99
Cash on hand	274 00

J. C. HOUSLER, President.
WM. BARTHOLOMEW, Secty.

AUDITORS REPORT of Otto Township, McKean county Pa. for 1877.

L. A. Bunker and S. Bunker, Poormasters of Otto township, Dr.

Received from former Treasurer	$ 65
" Collector	70 00
" Co Treasurer	210 00
On judgment from Keating twp	200 75
Cr.	
Orders paid the support Myron Burton and wife	$134 70
Support of Robert Burton	5 00
" Lavina Hall	112 25
To B. D. Hamlin & Son, ASH Spec	102 00
To Mr. G. Dennis for boarding Lavina Hall, 1876	22 42
To J. Dehr, P-ormaster, 1875	3 00
L. A. Bunker and S. Bunker for services	25 00
Incidental expenses	7 50
Percentage	9 00
Balance in Treasury	200 00

AUDITORS REPORT for 1876.

L. A. Bunker & A. T. Vaughn, Supervisors of Otto Twp. Dr.

To orders from Co. Com.	$ 230 00
To money from Co. Treas.	70 00
Cr.	
Paid out on roads	$ 156 17
To supervisors	20 72
Balance due Supervisors	11 00

OTTO SCHOOL TREASURERS Acct. for school year, 1877.

T. M. Bunker, Treasurer. Dr.

Received from former Treas.	$ 330 22
Balance Draft on Co Treas.	97 31
From State Treasurer	70 00
Received from collectors	54 00
Cr.	
By Drafts	$474 20
Percentage	9 00
Balance in Treasury	$165 31

We, the undersigned Auditors of Otto Township, McKean Co. Pa., do hereby certify that we have settled and adjusted the above accounts and that the same is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JACOB FAILING,
S. BALDWIN,
Auditors.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an order from an Orphan's Court of McKean County, I will expose to public sale on

SATURDAY JUNE 30, 1877,

at 3 o'clock p. m., at the late residence of T. E. Robbins, deceased, the following pieces or parcels of Real Estate bounded and described as follows, to wit:

1.—Beginning at post in north line No. 18, the southwest corner lot No. 14; thence north by W line No. 14, 50 perches west 115 and 2-10 perches south 50 perches to north line No. 18, east 115 and 2-10 perches to the beginning, containing 36 acres more or less, being lot No. 14, Keating lands in Warrant No. 2085.

2.—Beginning at northwest corner No. 261; thence west 28 and 3-10 perches to corner No. 12, north 44 perches to corner No. 13, east 74 perches to post south 13 perches to post, east 27 and 1-10 perches to northwest corner No. 262, south 56 perches to post corner of No. 261, west 27 and 3-

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Augers,	Chalk Lines,	Hammers,	Rakes,
Auger Bits,	Chalk,	Hand Vises,	Razors,
Awls,	Crayons,	Handles of all kinds,	Rivets,
Axle Clips,	Chisels of all kinds,	Hasps and Staples,	Ropes,
Axle Grease,	Clamps,	Hatchets,	Rules,
Apple Parers,	Cleavers,	Hay Knives,	Safety Fuse,
Barndoor Hinges,	Clothes Lines,	Hinges of all kinds,	Sandpaper,
Barndoor Rails,	Clothes Wringers,	Hoes,	Saucepans,
Barndoor Rollers,	Coal Hods,	Hooks of all kinds,	Saws of all kinds,
Bee Knobs,	Coffee Mills,	Horse Pokes,	Scissors,
Bath Brick,	Corn Cutters,	Horse Rakes,	Scoops — Coal and Grain,
Bed Castors,	Corn Poppers,	Horse Hoes,	Screwdrivers,
Bell Cords,	Crowbars,	Iron of all kinds—	Screws,
Beef Pounders,	Curry combs,	Sad, Pinking, Waffle and Tuyere,	Scythes,
Bells,	Curtain Pins,	Kettles,	Sheep Shears,
Bench Hooks,	Cutlery,	Keys,	Shot,
Bench Screws,	Dippers,	Knives,	Shovels,
Bevels,	Dividers,	Lamps,	Sieves,
Bits,	Dog Collars,	Lanterns,	Spades,
Blacking,	Draw Shaves,	Levels,	Spoons,
Blind Butts,	Egg Beaters,	Locks,	Squares,
Blind Staples,	Expansive Bits,	Mallets,	Stoves,
Bolts of all kinds,	Fanders,	Match Safes,	Tacks,
Bootjacks,	Felloe Plates,	Measuring Tapes,	Tea Kettles,
Borax,	Files,	Meat Cutters,	Tobacco Boxes,
Boring Machines,	Fitting Machines,	Molasses Gates,	Toe Calks,
Brushes,	Forks of all kinds,	Mop Sticks,	Tongs,
Buckets,	Freezers,	Mouse Traps,	Trowels,
Bull Rings,	Fry Pans,	Mowing Machines,	Tinware of all kinds,
Butts of all kinds,	Gate Hinges,	Nails,	Vises,
Candlesticks,	Gauges,	Oils,	Varnish,
Cake Turners,	Gimlets,	Oilers,	Wad Cutters,
Calipers,	Glastar's Point,	Oil Stones,	Washers,
Caps, Percussion,	Glass,	Picks,	Whiffletree Hooks,
Carpet Stretchers,	Grain Sickles,	Picture Nails,	White Lead,
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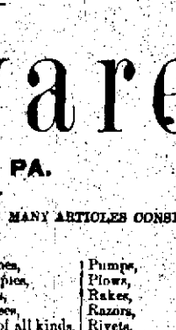

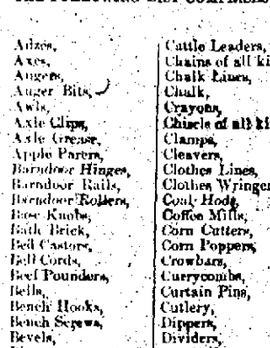

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Colorado Turtles.

A gentleman from Monotony, Col., tells a rather interesting story about a pair of snapping turtles. He is an old plainsman, and a few days ago took his shot-gun and went over to Eagle Tail for the purpose of getting a few ducks. Arrived at the creek he found no ducks, but he saw two of those great fresh-water turtle, met with more frequently in Eastern ponds than in Colorado, and apparently weighing about forty pounds each. They are a very shy bird, their head popping into the shell upon the slightest alarm, but being a good shot the hunter succeeded in blinding both of them, and bothering them so that they were easily caught and dragged out. Snappers are very active, and unlike a sea turtle, being provided with long and strong legs, can turn themselves after being placed upon their backs. Their captor had no way of securing them, and would get only a few steps away in the search for a piece of wood out of which to make stakes, when his captives would be going at a turtle 2:40 gait toward the creek. The contest between instinct and reason was kept up more than an hour and a half, much to the disadvantage of reason, at the end of which time a ranchman living near by came along and assisted the hunter in taking the turtles to his house. Here they were put in a sheep pen having a fence about three feet high, and the men went to the house. Quarter of an hour afterward the hunter went to the pen for his gun and found that the turtles were gone. As there were no holes in the fence, and as they had not dug out, the conclusion was irresistible that they had climbed over. Their trail was found, and about half a mile away they were caught making a bee line for the creek. Firing off his gun, the ranchman again came to his assistance, and the turtles were again put in the pen, and tied to a stake. They were worth watching, however, and a few minutes afterward it was found that they had gnawed off the rope, and again started for the creek. They were only a few rods away this time, however, and were then tied so short that they could not reach the cord, and ultimately arrived at their captor's kitchen at Monotony.

Another Pest of the Fields.

In addition to the plagues of potato bugs, locusts, and dead fish, New Jersey farmers have had, this season, to wage incessant war against the cutworm, or black grub, as they call it. This pest has always troubled them more or less, but never as it does this year. Where in former seasons they found one they now discover a hundred, and where, heretofore, a single blade of corn, or one head of cabbage, was cut down by the ravenous worms, whole fields are now laid waste. They are not particular in their diet, but make indiscriminate attacks upon corn, cabbage plants, melon vines, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, beans and ornamental plants. They live in the ground, and make their onslaughts in the night time. They always choose the very young and the most tender plants. Then they cut off the stalks close to the ground. Having destroyed one plant in this manner the grub passes on to the next, seemingly incited by the demon of destruction, for it will not touch a plant after cutting it down.

Some farmers have in their despair tried to kill the pest with paris green, which has proved so efficacious against potato bugs, but the worms seem to rather prefer paris green to any other food, except tender plants. The only comfort the harassed agriculturists can draw from their knowledge of the vermin is that they have never been seen later than the first of July. Crops planted then will be free from their attacks, but will, of course, come to maturity very late in the season.

Accidents at a Royal Reception.

Two accidents happened at Queen Victoria's drawing room of May first. One occurred in one of the lady reception rooms. Lady ——, feeling the cold acutely, wrapped her train around her shoulders, and seated herself on a royal chair. On a sudden a frightful smash was heard; the chair had collapsed, and Lady —— was on the ground. Fortunately but few males were present, and they had their broad backs turned toward the scene of the catastrophe. The lady limped for the rest of the day, and in future will not put her trust in princely seats. The other incident was scarcely less dramatic. Arrived at the moment of awful entrance into the throne room, a lady was asked for her card. Her presence of mind had gone; and she knew not what was wanted. She offered the stern official, as a peace offering, her fan, her glove, her handkerchief even. Nothing but the card would suffice, and it was missing. The queen looked impatient at the delay. The moment was critical. "The card, the card!" "I see it," said a courtier. "Then take it," said another. "I cannot," was the reply. A subdued explanation followed; and at last the lady extracted from a secluded spot near her tucker the crumpled remains of the missing card. It was still legible, and the name was duly announced to royalty

Prince Charles of Roumania.

Prince Charles of Roumania, one of the Hohenzollerns, is said to be an amiable prince but without any remarkable ability. He has a civil list of about $200,000 a year, which he spends mainly at home, thus pleasing the Roumanians. He lives in an uninteresting looking palace in the "red quarter" of Bucharest, except during the summer, when he goes to the old monastery of Corocorie, on the right bank of the Dumbovitza, overlooking the capital. The statement that the prince lives in the "red quarter" of Bucharest is thus explained: The city is divided into five great wards, which are distinguished one from another by colors. Yellow is used to denote the aristocratic or residence quarter, red the commercial section, green the eastern, black the western, and blue the southern wards. These respective colors appear on the barriers which separate the wards, on the collars and cuffs of the policemen, and on the letter boxes, lamp posts, etc. Although the yellow quarter is considered the most aristocratic, the red is more beautiful.

A young gentleman who ventured West in the prevailing fashion of neck-wear was immediately utilized by the farmers, who speared his lofty shirt collar with coal tar and set him up as a grasshopper trap.

We don't care a straw what Shakespeare says: "a rose by any other name" would not "smell as sweet." Make an oat of this.

NEWS ITEMS.

What is Going on the Old World and the New.

A clause in the tax bill passed by the Legislature of South Carolina provides for the payment of the interest on the State's bonded debt..... In the mines near Scranton, Pa., three persons were killed and several were badly injured by accidents..... A semi-official dispatch from St. Petersburg asserts that the Russian ambassadors at Berlin, London and Vienna will give assurances that the political map of Europe shall not be disturbed—that nothing is further from Russia's intentions than to cause fresh European complications. Turkish outrages in Servia are reported..... A tornado that swept over Omaha and other portions of Nebraska did considerable damage to buildings. In some of the counties many of the largest and finest monuments were blown over, and an Episcopal church was unroofed in Florence..... A well-known farmer of Lancaster, Pa.—Lafayette Coffman—shot off both hands while squirrel hunting..... Peter F. Sweeny pays $400,000 in settlement of the suit against him by the people of New York..... A man named Doran was found on a railroad track in central New York, badly mangled and with a bullet hole in his head, giving evidence of foul play..... A. D. Hasen has been promoted to be third assistant postmaster-general..... Another member of the Tweed ring—Richard B. Connolly—has been negotiating for a compromise with the city. A million and a half will probably be demanded of him in restitution..... Joseph J. Couch was elected Grand Master of the Free Masons of the State of New York..... Gov. Prescott was inaugurated in New Hampshire, and reported the State financially sound..... Thomas Dafley, a Brooklyn (N. Y.) blacksmith, was killed with an ax during a drunken quarrel..... The wife of Dr. George E. Woodbury, of Methuen, Mass., gave birth to four children, three of them living a few hours only..... The Pope received $1,300,000 during the jubilee in Rome, besides numerous valuable presents.

A fire broke out at eleven o'clock at night in a large hat factory in East Bridgeport, Conn., about an hour after the commencement, as a force of men were at work in the office, removing the contents, the walls of the burning building began to totter, and in a moment fell in, burying the men under a mass of brick and burning timbers. As soon as the fire was subdued and the ruins had cooled off, men went to work searching for the dead, and eleven corpses were taken out in a scarcely recognizable condition. It is believed that no other persons lost their lives except those engaged in removing the furniture of the office. Several of the dead were well-known citizens of the place..... Three squares of buildings in Galveston, Texas, were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of over $3,000,000. Twenty-six buildings were burned..... The Russian official newspaper published a decree ordering a new levy of 218,000 men—an unprecedentedly large number. After fighting all day the Turks were defeated by the Montenegrins, sustaining a loss of 3,000 men..... M. Duverdier, president of the municipal council in Paris, who was recently arrested, charged with insulting President MacMahon and inciting civil war and assassination, has been sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 2,000 francs..... It is rumored that England is about to purchase Turkey's sovereign rights in Egypt..... At a protracted cabinet meeting it was resolved to push the prosecutions of all persons connected with the Mormon Meadow massacre, as accessories to the murder of the immigrants, and to send a sufficient force to Utah to enforce the decrees of courts should the Mormons attempt to resist the punishment of any of their leaders..... John Tyler, Jr., son of the late President Tyler, has been appointed inspector of customs at Richmond, Va., and Mr. Lewis, a colored man, has been appointed naval officer at New Orleans..... The South Carolina Legislature adjourned after appointing a commission to inquire into the disbursements of public money and the election of J. J. Patterson to the United States Senate in 1872..... A little boy named Welch, aged two years and six months, killed his three-year-old playmate, Charles Fagerstrom, in Boston, by striking him with a piece of brick, fracturing his skull..... Louis Rousseau, a white man, who had already committed seven murders, was hung in Louisiana for the murder of a butcher with whom he had been quarreling over some business matter; and Jack Pleasants, a colored man, was hung in Virginia for the murder of Ann Lundy, also colored, to whom he had been paying his addresses.

The unpublished portions of Lee's confessions have been submitted to Attorney-General Devens by District-Attorney Howard, of Utah. They are said to implicate Brigham Young and other high Mormon officials in the Mountain Meadow massacre..... Frederick Bauer, a butcher of Jersey City, N. J., was shot and mortally wounded by a constable while resisting arrest..... The rowing contest at Pittsburgh, Pa., between Evan Morris and William Scharff, for the championship of the United States, was won by the former..... Calvin B. Camp, a cotton broker and prominent member of Henry Ward Beecher's church, committed suicide by shooting himself at his residence in Brooklyn, during a sickness brought about by business trouble..... A state of siege has been proclaimed in Roumania. The Turks were advancing into Montenegro..... O. A. Osborne has been appointed United States minister to Chili..... Charles Thompson, a private watchman at Wood's Theater, Cincinnati, was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilson, a circus rider..... Famine prevails in China, and thousands of people are starving to death..... Charles Dahlman & Co., wholesale clothiers, of New York and San Francisco, failed, with liabilities amounting to $200,000..... A fire in the dry house of the Auburn Woolen mill at Auburn, N. Y., caused a loss of $100,000..... Daniel O'Mara, a boy of seven, died in Jersey City, N. J., of hydrophobia two weeks after he had been bitten by a rabid dog..... Frederick Elliott, who was awaiting trial for committing a forgery of a check for $64,000 last April, in New York, mysteriously escaped from the hands of his keeper while in the crowded court room..... Patrick Cleary, a blacksmith of Newport, R. I., was arrested for brutally beating his wife and two small children..... Considerable damage has been done by the rising of the Missouri river in the vicinity of Kansas City.

The governor of New York was welcomed to New York city by the Democrats in a torchlight procession..... A sudden rise of the Danube delays Russian military operations. The Russian pontoons for crossing the river will be chosen east and west of the Turkish quadrilateral, and while the eastern column keeps in check the Turkish forces massed in and about the fortresses, the western column will act as a field army, operating against the flank or rear of the Turkish positions. The garrison of Kars made a successful sortie and routed the Russians, who are reported in great force between Kars and Erzeroum. After five days' fighting in Montenegro, the Turks were defeated with a loss of four thousand men..... Eleven hundred men and boys employed at seven collieries in the upper Lehigh region of Pennsylvania struck against a reduction of wages..... The secretary of the treasury has issued an order declaring that not more than one member of a family may hold office in the department, and accordingly a number of removals have been made..... Ira Cole, a fireman on a locomotive, was fatally stabbed by Calvin Stewart, in Dover, N. J..... There was an affray between German and French sailors in Japan..... Large and enthusiastic meetings were held in New York and Brooklyn in opposition to the Liquor traffic..... Between two and three hundred graduates of the female Normal College of Philadelphia, paid a flying visit to New York, viewing the various objects of interest..... Jared Wheeler murdered his Aunt Harriet Wheeler near Hatfield, Mass..... George W. Fletcher was hung in Philadelphia for the murder of James Hanley. The murderer and his victim had been on friendly terms previous to the commission of the crime, but Fletcher alleged that he lost his position as fireman through Hanley.

A deficiency of nearly $100,000 was discovered in the accounts of the treasurer of Hoboken, N. J..... B. N. Murdock, a mail agent, who had been arrested on the charge of robbing the mails, committed suicide in Richmond, Va., by taking poison..... By a collision which occurred near Point of Rocks, Md., between a regular train and a special excursion train bound for Washington, D. C., five persons were killed and sixteen were wounded more or less severely..... Great damage was done by a heavy storm which raged through northern Mississippi. Fences, railroad tracks and bridges were swept away, stock was drowned, and in some instances the crops were entirely ruined..... The failure of ex-Mayor H. A. Blood, of Fitchburg, Mass., is announced. He was a prominent railroad man, and his liabilities amount to $1,528,310, with assets placed at $1,516,000, a large portion of which is in railroad lands and stocks that are practically worthless..... The attorney-general has called upon the accounting officers of the treasury for a copy of the accounts of Brigham Young, the Mormon leader, filed in the treasury twenty years ago, when he was an Indian agent for the government. It is intimated that these accounts will furnish testimony against him on which to base a prosecution for various illegal acts committed by him while acting as Indian agent.

A number of tramps began fighting among themselves after a night's carousal in Fairview, Pa., and two of them were killed..... The written "confession" of William M. Tweed, which was put into the hands of the attorney-general of New York some time ago, has been returned to Tweed's counsel, with the accompanying note by the State official: "Herewith I return the statement of testimony which you assert that William M. Tweed could give if he were released from imprisonment. After careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that the testimony which said Tweed could give, as showed by said statement, would not justify his release." This last phase in the matter will prevent Tweed's release as soon as he expected..... An attack by rushers was made upon a train of five wagons in the Black Hills, and the outfit was plundered of all personal valuables..... The one hundred and twenty-third annual commencement of Columbia College took place in New York..... A portion of the Tenth cavalry defeated a band of Comanche Indians in Texas..... Ex-Governor Thomas A. Hendricks has gone to Europe..... The jury in the case of Rev. S. H. McGhee, on trial at Ditha, Ill., for the murder of his wife by poison, returned a verdict of guilty. McGhee belonged to the sect known as "Christians," and was pastor of a church at Ashton, Ill..... The Press Association of Massachusetts departed from Boston for New York on their yearly trip..... At Bath, N. Y., the corner stone of a Soldier's Home was laid, Henry Ward Beecher being the orator of the occasion.

The St. Louis *Globe* makes honorable mention of an oaken chest in that city which, it asserts, is 300 years old. The boards are an inch and a half in thickness, and are held together by wooden pegs.

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Lambs	10 @	10
Cotton—Middling	12¾@	12¾
Flour—Western—Good to Choice	7 @	9 00
State—Good to Choice	6 70@	8 65
Wheat—Red Western	1 06 @	1 15
No. 2 Milwaukee	1 05 @	1 15
Rye—State	90 @	92
Barley—State	1 @	1
Barley Malt	1 80 @	1 88
Oats—Mixed Western	42 @	46
Corn—Mixed Western	52 @	53
Hay, per cwt	65 @	80
Straw, per cwt	45 @	60
Hops	25@30	40
Pork—Mess	14 15 @	14 25
Lard—City Steam	11¾@	11¾
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Herring, Scaled, per box	14 @	15
Petroleum—Crude	07¾@	Refined 14¾
Wool—California Fleece	28 @	31
Texas "	17 @	20
Australian "	48 @	50
Butter—State	19 @	25
Western—Choice	17 @	18
Western—Good to Prime	11 @	17
Western—Fair to	12 @	30
Cheese—State Factory	12 @	13¾
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Western	13 @	16¾
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Flour	7 @	9 00
Wheat—No. 1 Milwaukee	1 03 @	1 03
Corn—Mixed	51 @	52
Oats	28 @	29
Rye	92 @	92
Barley	1 @	1
Barley Malt	1 00 @	1 10

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Beef Cattle—Extra	07 @	07¾
Sheep	05 @	05½
Hogs—Dressed	08½@	09¾
Flour—Pennsylvania Extra	7 50 @	8 00
Wheat—Red Western	1 08 @	1 12
Rye	92 @	93
Corn—Yellow	52 @	53
Mixed	51 @	52
Oats—Mixed	28 @	29¾
Petroleum—Crude	10½@10¾	Refined 14¾
Wool—Colorado	7 @	22½
Texas	18 @	20
California	34 @	36

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Beef Cattle	06½@	08¾
Sheep	05½@	05¾
Hogs	08 @	09
Flour—Wisconsin and Minnesota	7 @	8
Corn—Mixed	61 @	62
Oats	38 @	39
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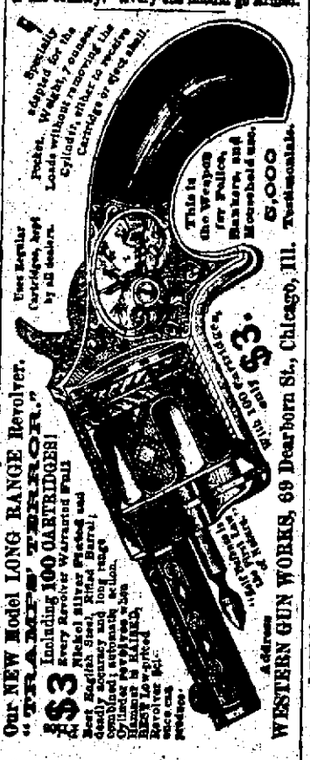

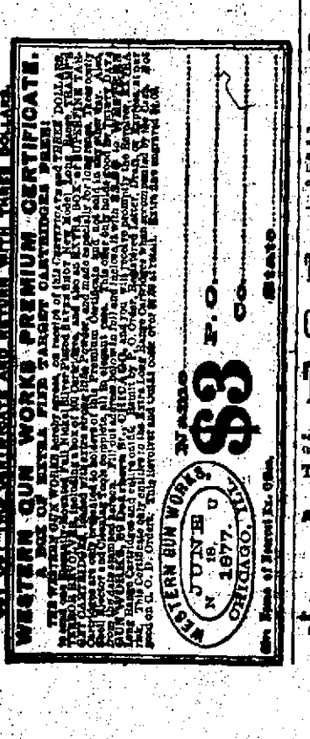

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